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Applicant : Marcotte et al. Art Unit : 1631
Serial No. : 09/493,401 Examiner : S. Zhou
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Title : COMBINED COMPUTATIONAL METHODS FOR DETECTING PROTEIN
FUNCTION AND PROTEIN-PROTEIN INTERACTIONS FROM GENOME
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RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.137(b)

Applicants hereby submit a renewed petition under 37 CFR §1.137(b) to revive the above application, which was abandoned on June 16, 2002 for failure to respond to a non-final Office Action mailed March 15, 2001.

A notice was mailed from the Patent Office on June 25, 2002, dismissing the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed April 4, 2002, for failing to include the required reply. Applicants respectfully submit that a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of the delay has been made. Applicants submit that they first became aware of an outstanding office action upon receipt of a Notice of Abandonment. The attorneys of record had moved to a new location and the Office Action was returned to the Patent Office as undeliverable. A status inquiry by Applicants' attorney on October 29, 2002, was never responded to. At the time the April 4, 2002, Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was filed, Applicants did not have a copy of the outstanding Office Action.

Submitted with the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is a proposed response to the outstanding Office Action to continue prosecution of the application. A check for \$640 in

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payment of the petition fee by a small entity as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(m) has been previously submitted.

Applicants submit that the entire period of delay was unintentional.

Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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